THE FIFTH DAY.

22nd February 1918.

The Assembly met at 11-50 A. M. on Friday, the 22nd February 1918.

Before the commencement of business, the Dewan announced that, from the 1st of March 1918, there would be two trains running from Quilon to Trivandrum and two trains from Trivandrum to Quilon.

IV. PRODUCTION.

(2) OTHER INDUSTRIES *(Concluded.)*

62. Suggestions for the industrial development of the Karunagapalli taluk.

Mr. N. Raman Pillai (Member, Karunagapalli Taluk) said that indusrties such as coir mat-making, grass mat-making, sugar manufacture, &c., could be established in the taluk as ample facilities existed for the promotion of such industries. No doubt, the Vernacular schools in which industrial classes had been opened were doing much good. It would be better to increase the number of such schools and also the industries, so that the young men coming out of the Vernacular schools might have a distinct profession for themselves.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

V.—PUBLIC WORKS.

63. A more equitable distribution of the P. W. D. budget allotment

Mr. C. P. Kochukunju Pillai (Member, Kottarakara Taluk) represented that a close study of the budgets would reveal that, in their preparation, no attempt was made to meet the requirements of the people in the various taluks. Reference had already been made to the high proportion of expenditure under "Establishment." Over and above that long-standing complaint, there were a few points to which he would invite the attention of Government.

(1) A considerable amount of money was being spent in Trivandrum on such buildings as the Higher Grade English School, Laboratories and similar structures in a manner out of all proportion to the actual requirements.

(2) Large sums were being spent on Travellers' Bungalows, Camp Sheds and for the purchase of crockery, vessels, etc.

(3) Enormous sums were also being expended annually on improvements and special repairs to such existing buildings as Officers' quarters, &c. The country stood in need of more roads. The grant under "Communications" was not sufficient. A large amount had been spent for the use of the European planters alone. The member requested that the figures under "Original Works 'and' Repairs" might be separately shown in the Administration Reports and Budget Estimates. A large sum of money was being spent on rent for the use of Government Offices both in the mofussil and in the capital. It was desirable that the Rented buildings should be replaced by Government buildings at least by slow stages. The allotment of the P. W. D. budget should be so made that at least one important work should be in course of construction in each taluk every year. At the tenth session of the Assembly a Conference of the Assembly Members of North Travancore with the Chief Engineer as

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